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1. The Macazul Railroad Equipment Factory is located in the northern district of Ploesti near the railroad station. There is a headquarters building, various office buildings and four buildings, 100 by 20 meters, which are used as a foundry, moulding plant, machine moulding plant and precision work. 25X1
2. The plant produces railroad equipment such as locomotive and car wheels, trucks and hooks. In the past few months the plant has been accepting orders for farm tractors. Steel and iron products are made from metal bars, 6 meters long and 20 centimeters thick, of inferior quality, mostly imported from the USSR. About 30 percent of the output is shipped to the USSR. The output varies frequently because of the poor equipment and labor. The plant has approximately 50 large machines available but overhauls are required twice monthly on the average and the repair department is always very busy with minor breakdowns in machinery.
3. About one thousand people are employed in the plant including the management, technicians and engineers. Some divisions work in three 8-hour shifts daily. Others, including office personnel, work from 0700 to 1630 hours five days a week, and from 0700 to 1230 hours on Saturdays, but this shift is always forced to work overtime. In addition there are always three or four weekly meetings lasting two hours which are held after working hours are over.
4. The plant has not been modernized and has no ventilation system. Because of the work performed and the poor working conditions, there is a high percentage of tuberculosis among the workers. The plant provides a daily meal composed of 250 grams of bread, bean or potato soup, vegetables, and occasionally meat. When it is available, foundry workers get a liter of milk.

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